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Sir:

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- [] a. The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- [X] b. The enclosed statement is being filed after a first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 CFR §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311.

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[X] f. If a fee is due in connection with this communication the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

Also submitted herewith is document WO 93/11681. This document is an English-language document on which CN 1082372A is based.

Respectfully submitted,

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